

State Library Report

February 2015

Activities / Accomplishments

The Library Development Consultants continued to visit their liaison libraries for the State Aid Monitoring system. New Director Orientations were provided to new library directors in Cabarrus, BHM Regional, and Henderson County.

Draft applications for the LSTA program year 2015-16 were received, read, and reviewed during the month of February, by the Federal Programs consultant, Raye Oldham, as well as various consultants. Feedback and suggestions for improvement were provided to all applicants.

Raye Oldham and Jennifer Pratt attended AcadeMAKE at UNCG – a one day conference highlighting various aspects of “making” in libraries. Two of the 2014-15 LSTA funded projects were highlighted at this event. Jennifer gave welcoming remarks during the opening session.

The NC Cardinal team took a focus on training during February. They provided a Tackling RDA Class, a Reports Training, and a Circulation Best Practices session.

Meetings were held by the Governance Committee, the Cataloging Committee and the Resource Sharing Committee. Decisions were made regarding circulation modifiers, and to expand the types of materials included in resource sharing.

February was a busy month for our *Let's Talk About* program series, with 20 programs scheduled in our 14 participating public libraries. Let's Talk About It is a scholar-led reading and discussion program targeting out-of-school adults and developed by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poets have selected their student poets for the 2015 mentoring program, and have scheduled readings in 7 different public libraries. Brent Martin, Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler, and Eric Weil are representing North Carolina's mountains, central and eastern areas respectively. The Distinguished Poets and their student poets will present a reading program in their local public library, which provides reading experience for the poets, and poetry programs to our library communities. Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poets is a collaborative project between the State Library of NC's Center for the Book and the NC Poetry Society.

The NC Public Librarian Certification Commission met on February 11, 2015. Out of 54 applications, 49 were approved and 5 were denied.

The first Summer Reading Program workshop was held in Gastonia. The libraries are planning for their ten week season of programs and increased youth circulation. The workshop included a hands-on session on the statewide online registration system, the Reading Club.

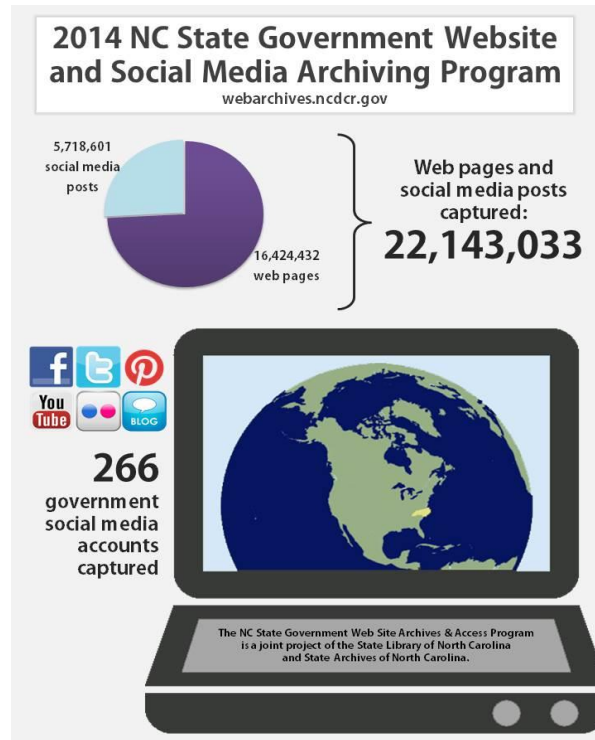
Kelly Brannock worked with 6 trainers to review training plans and practice webinar sessions using Adobe Connect in order to produce 4 webinars with edited recordings for posting on the SLNC website. She offered 1 in-person workshop, Tackling RDA, which was attended by 30 participants

The Government & Heritage Library (GHL) provided a Saturday Genealogy Workshop on “Finding your African-American ancestors prior to 1870” for 40 genealogy researchers in Raleigh on February 21, 2015.

The GHL is happy to announce a new digital collection, *Wildlife in North Carolina*, which includes nearly 70 years and over 700 issues of the magazine online. This collection was made possible with help from our partners at the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/home/collections/wildlife>

The Government & Heritage Library and the State Archives of North Carolina captured over 22 million state government web pages and social media posts and 266 state government social media accounts for the digital state government records archiving program in 2014. See graphic below:



State Librarian Cal Shepard co-presented a session “Total Grant Makeover: Insider Tips for Creating Proposals that Funders Can't Refuse” at the 10th annual Librarian to Librarian Summit at East Carolina University on February 21.

The snowy weather caused many disruptions in February including the cancellation of Public Library Legislative Day on February 25, 2015. This annual even is planned by the NC Public Library Director’s Association and brings library supporters from all over the state to Raleigh who meet with their legislators to advocate for public libraries. The even has not been rescheduled.

LD Blog:

- 1,701 Visits
- 2,662 Page views

Top 3 posts:

- State Library offering free online course on genealogy (515 views)
- ECU's library science program awarded ALA accreditation (147 views)
- New Library Director: Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Regional Library (120 views)

GHL Blog: 20 posts for February 2015

- 2,864 visits, 2,499 unique visitors
- 4,247 page views for the month.

Top 3 GHL posts

- Announcing RootsMOOC : Free Online Genealogy Course (940 views)
- New Clue Found in Mystery of 1916 Love Letters (368 views)
- Black History Month at GHL: Online Sources (199 views)

Self-Paced Learning:

81 library staff consumed 65 ½ hours of video content online

Note of appreciation

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped received this note from a grateful patron:

Dear Sanity Savers:

That's exactly what you have done the past two years, saved my sanity! I'm legally blind. Your books have been such a pleasure, filled many hours. Since Feb. 20, 2013 I have had 3 hip surgeries, 2 I.V. [?] treatments for M.R.S.A [?], cataract surgery. My teeth popped off because of the strong M.R.S.A. treatment. In 2014 I had a stroke and a light (?) heart attack and LOTS of family problems. NOT complaining – God has handled it well. Just wanted you to know how much you are appreciated!

Thank you and God bless!